

Aug. 21, 2015

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**SUBJECT: Notification to Amend Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waivers**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) intends to file amendments with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to three of its home and community-based waiver programs operated through the Community Long Term Care (CLTC) Program. These waivers are:

1. SC.0186 HIV/AIDS Waiver
2. SC.0405 Community Choices Waiver
3. SC.40181 Mechanical Ventilator Dependent Waiver

The waiver amendments will address **Healthy Connections Prime**.

These changes will enable SCDHHS to implement a second phase of transitioning home and community-based services (HCBS) as part of a joint Medicare-Medicaid demonstration program known as Healthy Connections Prime. Through Healthy Connections Prime, people age 65 and older who receive both Medicare and Medicaid and meet other eligibility criteria will receive all of their care, including primary care, behavioral health and long term care services, from a Coordinated and Integrated Care Organization (CICO). In Phase 1 of Healthy Connections Prime, the CICOs began serving waiver participants, but did not develop care plans for waiver services. These Phase 2 amendments will allow CICOs to develop participants' care plans, drawing on their knowledge of the participants' health needs within and beyond the waiver services they receive, and make the care plan subject to state review and approval. The CICO will also prior authorize waiver services, and develop contractual oversight of waiver providers, excluding attendant care providers. Waiver participants will have access to an appeals process and the Healthy Connections Prime Advocate to assist in disputes.

The changes are proposed to be effective Jan. 1, 2016, which is the date that Phase 2 of the transition of HCBS under the Healthy Connections Prime demonstration project begins, or upon CMS approval.

### **Communication**

These amendments were discussed at SCDHHS' Medical Care Advisory Committee meeting on Sept. 10, 2014, and May 5, 2015, at 10 a.m. at 1801 Main Street, Columbia, S.C.

**These draft waiver amendments can be found in the following locations:**

**Electronic Access:** [www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov) (under the "Waiver" section)

**Hardcopies:** Community Long Term Care Regional Offices or the SCDHHS (lobby):

Greenville  
620 North Main Street, Suite 300  
Greenville, S.C. 29601

Spartanburg  
945 East Main Street, Suite 3  
Spartanburg, S.C. 29302

Greenwood  
617 South Main Street, Suite 301  
Greenwood, S.C. 29648

Rock Hill  
454 South Anderson, Suite 11  
BTC Box 526  
Rock Hill, S.C. 29730

Columbia  
7499 Parklane Road, Suite 164  
Columbia, S.C. 29223

Orangeburg  
191 Regional Parkway, Bldg. A  
Orangeburg, S.C. 29115

Aiken  
6170 Woodside Executive Court  
Aiken, S.C. 29803

Sumter  
30 Westmark Ct.  
Sumter, S.C. 29150

Florence  
201 Dozier Boulevard  
Florence, S.C. 29501

Conway  
1201 Creel Street  
Conway, S.C. 29526

Charleston  
4130 Faber Place Drive, Suite 303  
North Charleston, S.C. 29405

Ridgeland  
10175 South Jacob Smart Blvd.  
Ridgeland, S.C. 29936

Anderson  
3215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Ste. H  
Anderson, S.C. 29625

SCDHHS (Documents are in Lobby)  
1801 Main Street  
Columbia, S.C. 29202

Additionally, information on these amendments will be shared during a public meeting. See details below:

Date: Monday, Sept. 14, 2015  
Time: 10 a.m.-Noon  
Location: Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina  
8901 Farrow Road, Building 200  
Columbia, S.C. 29203

**Questions and Comments**

**Questions and comments must be sent to the following before Sept. 21, 2015:**

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Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at SCDHHS, Division of Community Long Term Care, Jefferson Square Building, 1801 Main Street, Columbia, S.C., Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m.-5 p.m.